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1. POST REGRETS POSSIBLE CONFUSION REGARDING USE OF FY 75
FUNDING FOR MSG DETACHMENT. FROM THE POST EYE VIEW THE FOLLOWING
CHAIN OF EVENTS OCCURRED:

A. RETEL A SET FORTH THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS, AS SEEN
AT THAT TIME, TO FULLY EQUIP AND START UP MSG DETACHMENT. PARA
2 REFTEL A REQUESTED FURNISHINGS FOR MARINE HOUSE AND
RESIDENCE. PARA 5 REFTEL A LISTED, AGAIN BASED ON
ESTIMATES
AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME, WHAT POST CONSIDERED SET UP COSTS
FOR
THE DETACHMENT.

B. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A DEPARTMENT THEN SENT REFTEL B
WHICH CLEARED UP THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT
THAT WERE REQUESTED IN REFTEL A PARAS 2, 3 & 5G.

C. REFTEL B PARA 3 MENTIONED FUNDING REMAINING ITEMS AS
REQUIRED. ALSO IN REFTEL B PARA 3 POST WAS REQUESTED TO
ADVISE WHEN MSG QUARTERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE. POST REPLIED
REFTEL C INDICATING QTE LATE JULY UNQTE. DELAY IN REPLY WAS
DUE TO MANY SEARCHES FOR SUITABLE GLQ FOR MSG'S PROVING FUTILE.

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D. IN REFTEL B PARA 5 BUREAU ASKED POST ADVISE IF ANY OF THE

\$50,000 COULD BE APPLIED TOWARDS PURCHASE OF USIS FURNITURE. POST REGRETABLY ERRED IN NOT ADVISING BUREAU, HOWEVER, \$7,011.89 WAS INDEED SPEND ON PURCHASING USIS FURNITURE IN QUESTION. THIS FURNITURE PRESENTLY IN CONSULAR OFFICER'S (ANDERSON, FRANK R.,) GLQ.

E. THIS COMPLETED THE ACTIVITY ON THE SUBJECT FOR FY 75.

2. REFTTEL C THEN ARRIVED IN WHICH BUREAU SUGGESTED IN PARA 2 THAT GSO GO TO BEIRUT TO QTE COORDINATE PURCHASES OF FURNITURE UNQTE. AT THIS POINT ADMINOFFICER, RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM DAMASCUS AND FAMILIAR WITH BEIRUT CITY, PROCEEDED TO COORDINATE AND MAKE AS RAPID DELIVERY AS POSSIBLE THE NECESSARY FURNITURE FOR THE MSG DETACHMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, AT NO TIME DID EITHER HE OR OTHER EMBOFF'S INVOLVED EVER CONSIDER THAT FUNDS ALLOTTED IN REFTTEL B WERE AVAILABLE SINCE REFTTEL B PARA 3 MENTIONED THAT FUNDING WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE AS REQUIRED.

3. ENSUING TELEGRAMS LED TO REFTTELS D AND E WHICH GOT THE FURNITURE NECESSARY TO ACTIVATE MSG HOUSE.

4. THEREFORE B POST, IN THE HECTIC CLOSING DAYS OF FY 75 MADE SURE THAT (A) EVERY CONCEIVABLE NEED OF THE MSG DETACHMENT WAS MET (B) THAT ITEMS OVERLOOKED FOR CHANCERY THIRD FLOOR FURNISHINGS WERE CLEARED UP, AND (C) ANY MONEY LEFT OVER WAS UTILIZED PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1975 IN A MANNER MOST EXPEDIOUS AND USEFUL.

5. BELOW IS AN ITEMIZED LIST OF EXACT SPENDINGS OF THE MONEY REQUESTED IN REFTTEL A AND SUPPLIED IN REFTTEL B.

A. AT TIME OF REFTTEL A EMBASSY WAS NEGOTIATING WITH ONE LANDLORD ASKING \$21,200 PER ANNUM, AND ANOTHER ASKING \$13,259 PER ANNUM FOR A SMALLER HOUSE. BOTH DEALS EVENTUALLY COLLAPSED AND THROUGH A WINDFALL EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO LEASE A PERFECT MARINE HOUSE FOR \$9,281.77 PER ANNUM INCLUDING TELEPHONE INSTALLATION AND FREE WATER (BUDGETTED RENT \$13,260). LEASE, WITH OPTIONS TO RENEW RUNS FOR NINE YEARS.

B. NCOIC WAS HOUSED IN APARTMENT FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY NURSE WHO WAS REPLACED BY AID DEPENDENT (BUDGETTED RENT \$6,630 UNCLASSIFIED

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AND TELEPHONE INSTALLATION \$650).

C. LOCAL MANUFACTURE OF WARDROBE FOR MARINE BEDROOMS AND LOCKERS FOR MARINE OFFICE \$2,132 (BUDGETTED \$2,400).

D. RECREATION ROOM FURNISHINGS \$200 PETTY CASH AS MARINES DID MAJORITY OF WORK THEMSELVES (BUDGETTED \$800).

E. NCOIC OFFICE RENOVATION HAS BEEN DELAYED BY CHANGES IN OFFICE LAYOUT OF CHANCERY. MANNED DESK AND EXPANSION OF CHANCERY FOYER FOR MARINE DESK \$1,546.96 (BUDGETTED \$2,400).

F. CEILING FIXTURES, MINOR APPLIANCES AND OTHER MINOR FURNISHINGS REQUESTED FOR HOUSES \$7,210.86 (BUDGETTED \$5,780).

G. INITIAL GET READY COSTS FOR MSG WATCHSTANDERS HOUSE TO INCLUDE PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL WORK, PAINTING, SCREENS ETC. \$6,607.36 FY 75, AS NCOIC HOUSED IN EXISTING APARTMENT. FY 75 SAVINGS OF \$7,892.64 WERE ACCRUED (BUDGETTED \$14,500). HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY AN ADDITIONAL \$1,500 WAS SPENT OUT OF FY 76 FUNDS ON ADDITIONAL FIXUP OF MARINE HOUSE.

OF THE FY 75 SAVINGS \$3952.25 WERE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE OF CARPETTING, LIGHTING FIXTURES, CONFERENCE TABLE, AND FURNISHINGS FOR 3RD FLOOR ADDITIONS TO CHANCERY AS THESE ITEMS, THOUGH BUDGETTED IN FY 75 HAD NOT BEEN FUNDED AND HAD TO BE PROCURRED BEFORE COMPLETION OF THE 3RD FLOOR ADDITION.

ANOTHER \$2,620.00 WAS USED FOR EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN DOWN FILTRATION SYSTEM OF EMERGENCY WATER TANK.

H. BARLOCSK 3, 4 DRAWER SAFE WAS PROVIDED FROM BAURUT. REMAINING OFFICE FURNISHINGS FOR NCOIC SCRAPPED TOGETHER OUT OF ITEMS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR DISPOSAL FY 76 AS DETACHMENT ALREADY ON BOARD END NO LEAD TIME FOR ORDERING FROM US. (BUDGETTED \$1,540).

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I. WATER, FUEL, ELECTRICITY, GARBAGE COLLECTION COSTS FY 75 INCREASED COST OF TRANSIENT APARTMENT JUNE OCCUPIED BY MARINES PENDING COMPLETION FIXUP OF MARINE HOUSE \$320. (BUDGETTED \$320).

6. SAVINGS SHOW IN PARA 5 WERE THEN SPENT AS FOLLOWS:

A. MSG/NCOIC	\$27,298.95
B. USIS FURNITURE FOR CONSULAR OFF (ANDERSON, FRANK R.)	7,011.88
C. 3RD FLOOR CHANCERY/EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	6,572.25

D. OTHER 9,116.92

TOTAL: \$50,000.00

7. PLEASE NOTE THAT ITEM B, PARA 6 WAS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED AS MSG COSTS IN OUR MSG COSTS TELEGRAM OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1975.

8. THE VAST MAJORITY OF ITEM D, PARA 6 WAS SPENT ON THE PURCHASE OF BADLY NEEDED REPAIR SUPPLIES (\$8,673). THE PURCHASE ORDER HAD BEEN PREPARED ON JUNE 4, IN THE HOPES THAT SOME YEAR END FUNDS MIGHT BECOME AVAILABLE. THE P.O. WAS PROCESSED ON JUNE 30.

9. POST HOPES THAT THIS ACCOUNTING, ALTHOUGH LENGTHY, WILL CLARIFY FOR THE BUREAU WHAT OCCURRED OVER THE PERIOD WHEN THE POST HAD THREE ADMIN OFFICERS, A HECTIC FY 75 YEAR END CLOSE OUT, AND AT ONE POINT ONE MAN HOLDING ADMIN, B&F, AND GSO FUNCTIONS.

10. ON A FINAL HAPPY NOTE POST WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THAT, IN SPITE OF THE CONFUSION OF FY75/76 MSG ILANDING, OUR MARINES MOVED INTO THEIR NEW AND FULLY FURNISHED MSG HISE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1975.
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